Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"May I know why the Government refuse to release Mr. Narayana Menon without an undertaking from himself ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR .—"Because Government think that an undertaking from him is necessary."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"Sir I am asking for the reasons."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"According to the Criminal Procedure Code Government can, with or without a condition release a prisoner, and in the present case they consider that they cannot release him unconditionally."

Mr. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR :—"May I know whether this Government is prepared to redeem its pledges ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"Government are not aware of any pledges given."

Mr. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR :—"May I know what makes the Government vindictive ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"They are not at all vindictive."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"May I know the reason why the Government should insist on one set of conditions alone when there is another set of conditions ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"Because my friend must be aware that the Criminal Procedure Code contemplates that the undertaking must be given by the prisoner himself."

Health of Mr. M. P. Narayana Menon.

*771-B Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Mr. M. P. Narayana Menon who is now confined in the Penitentiary had to undergo a serious operation in the throat;

(b) whether his health is bad and gives room for anxiety; and

(c) whether he has further decreased in weight recently?

A.—(a) No. He had granular Pharyngitis and these granules were cauterized.

(b) His health is excellent and there is no cause for anxiety.

(c) No. On the other hand he is gaining in weight. His weight on the 15th January 1928 was 112 lb. and his weight on 21st October 1928 was 128 lb.

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—"May I know the weight of Mr. Narayana Menon when he was admitted into the jail?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"If my hon. friend refers to 22nd September 1922, I want notice."

Spinning of yarn in jails.

*772 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of men and women confined in jails during last year;